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SUBJECT: CCD: CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING, 10 JULY 1978

1. AMBASSADOR FISHER (HEAD OF U.S. DEL) MET WITH AMBASSADOR V.I. LIKHATCHEV (HEAD OF SOVIET DEL), AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CCD, JULY 10 TO DISCUSS THE 1978 SUMMER SESSION OF THE CCD, IN PARTICULAR THE SCHEDULE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD. IT WAS AGREED THAT BOTH DELEGATIONS WOULD CONSULT WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS AND WITH SELECT NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS TO DETERMINE THE TOPICS AND TIMING FOR ANY INFORMALS BEFORE PRESENTING A CO-CHAIRMEN'S DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE.

2. REGARDING INFORMALS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, LIKHATCHEV QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR SUCH INFORMALS IN LIGHT OF THE LACK OF INTEREST SHOWN BY MOST DELEGATIONS DURING THE SPRING SESSION FOR HOLDING CW INFORMALS. FISHER AGREED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR CW INFORMALS DURING THE SPRING AND SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. AND USSR DEFER ANY DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PROPOSE SUCH

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INFORMALS FOR THE SUMMER SESSION AND TO REVIEW THE MATTER LATER IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE RESUMED CW BILATERALS. LIKHATCHEV AGREED.

3. REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), FISHER STATED THAT BEFORE INFORMALS ON CTB COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR US TO CHECK WITH

OUR CTB DELEGATION AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF SUCH INFORMALS. LIKHATCHEV SAID HE WOULD ALSO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON THE MATTER.

4. LIKHATCHEV SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A WEEK OF INFORMALS ON NEW TYPES AND NEW SYSTEMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW), ASSERTING THAT THE U.S. HAD SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF HOLDING SUCH INFORMALS IN THE U.S. CLOSING STATEMENT AT THE 1978 SPRING SESSION OF THE CCD. FISHER POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE U.S. HAD IN FACT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CCD INFORMALS WERE A BETTER WAY OF KEEPING THE ISSUE UNDER REVIEW THAN ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS, AS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION, THIS IN NO WAY COMMITTED THE U.S. TO SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF SUCH INFORMALS IN THE SUMMER SESSION SCHE-DULE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER FURTHER.

5. LIKHATCHEV ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE WOULD BE INTEREST AMONG CCD MEMBERS IN CONTINUING WORK ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. FISHER STATED THAT, SHOULD SUCH INTEREST DEVELOP, THE U.S. WOULD NOT OBJECT.

6. IN DEFINITE CONTRAST TO HIS APPROACH IN NEW YORK AT THE SSOD, LIKHATCHEV WAS VERY CAREFUL TO AVOID DISCUSSING ANY MATTERS RELATING TO SSOD RECOMMENDATIONS ON MACHINERY, EMPHASIZING THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN WERE MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CCD AND ITS SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ONLY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE 1978 SUMMER SESSION OF THE CCD SHOULD BE "BUSINESS AS USUAL." VANDEN HEUVEL

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